

2 August 1954

STAFF MEMORANDUM

Subject: IWG/Export Control Desk Report for July

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The IWG met on 22 July (the first since 13 May) at MDAC request to give consideration to (a) processing of commodity papers used in the security list review; (b) tracing the movement of decontrolled commodities; and, (c) [REDACTED] E/C analysts will be called upon under (a) to assist in the assembly and assessment of all intelligence submitted to JOC in the course of the security list review.

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The Export Control Desk initiated operations during the month on an ad hoc basis, no missions and functions having yet been announced for E/C. [REDACTED] spent considerable time in re-establishing the EXCON files and in answering requests for information on individual commodity items. In the interim between decontrol and publication of newly-agreed lists, this Desk is receiving numerous inquiries as to the status of particular items from within the Agency. A total of 187 messages were scanned for filing.

A draft of the Second Annual Progress Report of the IWG was completed for review by the Division Chief. An historical statement of IWG activity during its first two years was prepared in connection with the Clark Commission survey; a separate version was submitted to the Secretary, IAC. As an attachment, a chart showing the flow of intelligence support for economic defense was prepared. IWG/ID-32, "China's Trading Agency in East Berlin", was distributed to IWG, the Executive Committee, and the EDAC Far Eastern Economic Defense Working Group.

The Executive Secretary, IWG, forwarded to the appropriate E/C coordinator for action a request from the Coordinator, Technical Task Groups, for information on the strategic significance to the Soviet bloc

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of selenium and electrolytic manganese. An MDAC request for information on Finnish petroleum requirements for 1954 was also serviced by an E/C analyst and the Executive Secretary.

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In connection with E/St efforts to maximize intelligence support to the Office of Maritime Control, Department of State, the Executive Secretary participated in a discussion on this subject with [REDACTED] and members of E/St. Conversations were also held with representatives of another Office of the Agency on the ~~antagonism~~ of ~~institutions~~ responsibility and allocation of effort on the analysis of Soviet trade trends and tactics.

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